

What we claimed is

1. A contents display method of an electronic book system, wherein:

5 a portable reading terminal receives digitized book contents and digitized related information proper to the book contents via the Internet; and

10 the related information is displayed together with the book contents by operating a button of the portable reading terminal or operator guidance on the display screen.

2. A contents display method of an electronic book system, wherein:

15 a portable reading terminal receives digitized book contents and digitized related information proper to the book contents via the Internet;

the layout headline of a newspaper or a magazine of books is displayed;

20 character data consistent with a headline article is read by selecting the article of the layout headline; and

the consistent character data is overlapped on the layout headline, toning down the layout headline.

3. A contents display method of an electronic book system, wherein:

25 a portable reading terminal receives digitized book contents and digitized related information proper to the book contents via the Internet; and

every time a page on which the book contents

are displayed is turned, advertising information is displayed on the screen.

4. A contents display method of an electronic book system, wherein:

5 a portable reading terminal receives digitized book contents and digitized related information proper to the book contents via the Internet;

a suitable sentence or phrase is selected on the screen on which the book contents are displayed;

10 a retrieval list which is a result of the retrieval of the books contents is displayed by selecting retrieval on an operational menu display; and the corresponding page is displayed by selecting a suitable item in the retrieval list.

15 5. A contents display method of an electronic book system, wherein:

a portable reading terminal receives digitized book contents and digitized related information proper to the book contents via the Internet; and

20 the already read pages and the residual pages of the corresponding book are acquired by selecting the display of the situation of reading on an operational menu display on the screen on which the book contents are displayed, and each number and each ratio of the already read pages and the residual pages are displayed.

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6. A contents display method of an electronic book system, wherein:

a portable reading terminal receives digitized

book contents and digitized related information proper to the book contents via the Internet;

an operational menu display for specifying operation including book purchase operation via the Internet, the transfer operation of a book temporarily deposited with a provider and the jump operation of the display screen is provided on the display screen; and

for the operational menu display, a menu including various operation is turned and any operational menu item is displayed to be selected.

7. An electronic book system, wherein:

a provider server and a portable reading terminal respectively connected via a telecommunication line are provided;

the provider server is provided with a book contents subserver storing digitized book contents and the related information, a bookshelf subserver that temporarily deposits a book from a user and a management subserver that manages the personal information of users; and

the portable reading terminal is provided with CPU, a screen display and a nonvolatile storage having a book contents storage, a reading situation manager and a viewer.

8. A provider server of an electronic book system that provides various information to plural reading terminals via a telecommunication line, comprising:

a book contents subserver storing digitized book contents and the related information;

a bookshelf subserver that receives a book from a user and temporarily deposits it; and

5 a management subserver that manages the personal information of users.

9. A contents provision method of an electronic book system that provides various information to plural reading terminals via a telecommunication line, comprising:

a step for accepting a request for the purchase of a digitized book from the reading terminal; *interne X*

a step for supplying the digital information of the book to the reading terminal based upon the acceptance of the purchase;

15 a step for accepting a request for the *NTS* (temporary deposit) of the purchased book from the *NA* reading terminal and storing this book information; and

a step for accepting a request for providing the temporarily deposited book from the reading terminal and providing the digital information of the book to the reading terminal.